

Federal Agency Resources for Women

US Department of Labor

Women's Bureau, serves as a public policy advocate for working women to improve their status, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment. <http://www.dol.gov/wb/>

US Small Business Administration

Office of Women's Business Ownership Entrepreneurial Development, promotes women-owned businesses through business training and technical assistance and provides access to credit and capital, federal contracts, and international trade opportunities.

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Center for Women Veterans, ensures VA programs are responsive to gender-specific needs; outreach is performed to improve women veterans' awareness of services, benefits, and eligibility criteria; and women veterans are treated with dignity and respect. <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>

US Commission on Civil Rights

Studies and collects information relating to discrimination or a denial of equal protection of the laws under the constitution of the United States because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. <http://www.usccr.gov>

US Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Women's Health, US Food and Drug Administration, works to correct gender disparities in drug, device, and biologics testing and regulation policy; monitors progress of priority women's health initiatives; and partners with government and consumer groups, health advocates, professional organizations, and industry to promote women's health. <http://www.fda.gov/womens>

Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health (NIH), serves as a focal point for women's health research at the NIH; promotes, stimulates and supports efforts to improve women's health through biomedical and behavioral research on the roles of sex and gender in health and disease; ensures that women are appropriately represented in biomedical and biobehavioral research studies supported by NIH; develops opportunities for and supports recruitment, retention, re-entry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers; and supports research on women's health issues. <http://orwh.od.nih.gov>

The Office on Women's Health, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, provides the leadership to promote health equity for women and girls through sex/gender-specific approaches. The strategy OWH uses to achieve its mission and vision is through the

development of innovative programs, by educating health professionals, and motivating behavior change in consumers through the dissemination of health information.

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/owh>

US Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women, provides federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to administer justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is accomplished by developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women. <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw>

Federal Bureau of Prisons, Correctional Program Division, Female Offender Branch, develops activities and programs designed to assist female inmates in developing necessary skills to facilitate successful reintegration into the community.